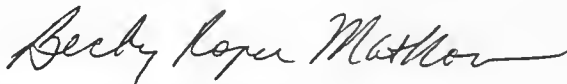


A Villager contribution of \$50,000 to restore the heart pine wood floors and the authentic windows would be an incredible blessing for this important historic project. As a Villager, I know that this is a lot of money to ask. However, please do take the following into consideration:

1. We can guarantee a lot of publicity for the Villagers. We can have a special reception with the City's Mayor and Commissioners to accept the donation, with City cable TV taping the event for broadcast. We can send out press releases. We can showcase photos of the Villagers in press releases. We will run photos of the Villagers making the donation in Dade Heritage Trust's Preservation Today magazine.
2. A plaque can be hung in the restored Old Miami High Bungalow commemorating the Villagers' help.
3. The Villagers will be playing a key role in the restoration of one of the last physical links left to Old Miami, and the Villagers will be playing a vital role in educating new Miamians about their city's history.

The financial resources of the Villagers are a precious commodity in these days and times, and the Villagers' support of this project would go a long way in making this project a success.

Sincerely,



Becky Roper Matkov  
Executive Director

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## DADE HERITAGE TRUST

April 17, 2003

Secretary of State Glenda Hood  
RA Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Hood,

Dade Heritage Trust, the largest historic preservation nonprofit organization in South Florida, wishes to honor Florida's Division of Historical Resources for its years of invaluable service to our community and state. Thanks to historic preservation grants and technical advice and encouragement from the staff of the Division of Historical Resources, beautiful architectural restorations have been completed, the public has been enlightened about their community's history and historic treasures, and streets and neighborhoods have been economically revitalized.

Miami—and all of Florida-- would never be the same without the Division of Historical Resources and the Bureau of Historic Preservation, recognized nationally as the best state program in America.

The tribute to the Division will be paid at our annual Preservation Awards celebration, to be held Wednesday, April 30, 2003 in downtown Miami at the Northern Trust Bank, 700 Brickell Avenue. A cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the Preservation Awards at 7:00 p.m. A tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church and its original Flagler Chapel, located across the street from Northern Trust, will be given following the Awards ceremony.

We do hope you will be able to attend to receive our Preservation Award in person. For 30 years, Dade Heritage Trust has been a strong advocate for preserving Florida's history and historic sites, leading efforts to restore the Cape Florida Lighthouse, spearheading the drive to save the Miami Circle, and building bridges between different community groups. We could never have accomplished all that we have without the wonderful support of the Division of Historical Resources.

We have enclosed recent issues of *Preservation Today* magazine and Dade Heritage Trust's book on *Miami's Historic Neighborhoods*, which I hope you will find informative.

Please call us at 305-358-9572 to let us know whether you'll be able to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Roper Matkov". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Becky Roper Matkov  
Executive Director

c: Governor Jeb Bush  
Dr. Jan Matthews

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Dear Friends Who Care About Florida's Cultural Programs and Historic Preservation:

The Florida legislature is at it again - trying to cut programs that a critical to Floridians quality of life. All cultural programs, including critical historic preservation funds, are on the chopping block. Your action is needed NOW to try to stop this.

Under the proposals before the legislature - cultural programs have been cut by \$14.7 million.

We need you to write to your elected officials TODAY with the following messages:

1. - Reinstate \$14,750,481 for Arts & Cultural Program Grants
2. Kill House Bill #1855 (Bill sponsor: Representative Leslie Waters, Pinellas County)
3. Do not support Senate Bill #934 (final House bill # TBD) when the vote comes on the House Floor

A groundswell of opposition must appeal directly to the House leadership, and any and all republicans (so far, this is being voted consistently along party lines).

COPY ALL YOUR EMAILS TO THE GOVERNOR: jeb@jeb.org!

CONTACT INFORMATION: CALL AND EMAIL. PLEASE DO BOTH TODAY!

## CONTACTS/TARGETS:

- Johnnie Byrd (House Speaker) - Speaker Byrd: (850) 488-0807, Fax 850-488-1456, SpeakerByrd@myfloridahouse.com

-> FAX a letter to his Tallahassee office: 850-488-1456

-> FAX a letter to his Plant City district office: 813-757-9109

-> CALL his Tallahassee office: (850) 488-0807

-> CALL his Plant City District office: (813) 752-5863

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Lt. Governor Toni Jennings (850-488-4711) jennint@eog.state.fl.us

Senate President Jim King: (850-487-5030; fax 904-727-3603; king.james.web@flsenate.gov

Leslie Waters - waters.leslie@myfloridahouse.com; (850)488-6197

Marco Rubio (House Majority whip) - RUBIO.MARCO@myfloridahouse.com; (850)488-4092 phone

Jim King (Senate President) - king.james.web@flsenate.gov; (850)487-5229 phone

Alex Diaz de la Portilla (Senate President Pro Tempore) - portilla.alex.web@flsenate.gov; (850)487-5109 phone

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## MORE BACKGROUND:

House Bill 1855 (DO NOT SUPPORT) This bill in the House affects all major grant program categories within the Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA), which will kill support for the majority of current arts and cultural grantees under the DCA by making it impossible for them to qualify and compete for funding consideration, and eliminates funding for arts education programs in over 50 Florida counties. This impacts 75% of Miami-Dade arts groups, who currently are funded, but will no longer be eligible to apply. It will also eliminate the dedicated revenue source permanently for arts, cultural, and historical resources. This bill would have a devastating impact to the majority of arts and cultural programs throughout the state.

Senate Bill #934. DO NOT SUPPORT. This bill passed the Senate and is now on the HOUSE calendar, waiting to be heard by the full House, which, again, could happen at any moment. It permanently terminates the Corporations Trust Fund, a vitally important dedicated source of revenue for the Cultural Institutions Trust Fund and the Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund. Its termination means that all cultural funding in the future

will be subject to the annual Appropriations vagaries (and whims) of the seated Legislature. It undermines whatever stability in funding that has been hard-fought for and achieved by the statewide cultural community over the past two decades.

and the federal government concerning protection of the Everglades against phosphorus pollution from massive sugar farms.

#### NEWS ARTICLES:

LAKELAND LEDGER, April 21, 2003

Tight Budget May Make For an Unpleasant Florida

The legislative cupboard this year is bare for many arts and historic restoration projects as well as other little amenities that make life a little more pleasant in Florida.

The state House and Senate can't even agree whether they should fund arts and historic projects this year.

"It is a potential return to the dark ages of culture in Florida," as one upset constituent and arts expert put it when referring to the potential cutting of a program that brought music education.?

A high-profile case like Cypress Gardens brings out the concern of the whole state and gets immediate attention. That is good, but there are many little community projects that mean just as much to residents of that town or county.

More and more people are beginning to warn that nickel-and-diming community efforts to protect a historic landmark or to put kids behind an easel is endangering Florida's quality of life in the future.

Cutting culture or environmental protection is not something that can be touted as a conservative virtue.

It is not a partisan issue. Republicans have been at the forefront in the past. Former state Sen. Warren Henderson was the father of the wetlands protection legislation that bears his name, and U.S. Rep. Katherine Harris increased funding for community arts programs when she was Florida secretary of state.

But then the speaker of the house has only lived in Florida since 1988.

FLORIDA TODAY April 21, 2003

Legislature puts culture on the chopping block

?.. This year in particular, with Florida caught in a severe fiscal crisis, the arts are on the chopping block. The House has voted unanimously to cut in half Gov. Jeb Bush's proposed \$12 million arts budget. The Senate has voted to allocate no money at all to the arts. Last year, the Legislature provided almost \$28 million in arts funding, so even the House's more generous offer represents a deep drop from previous levels. These draconian cuts are misguided, and not merely because of the aesthetic benefits the arts provide. Cultural activities contribute to our economic well-being as well. A study released in 2001 by the National Governor's Association found that arts programs make "communities more attractive to highly desirable, knowledge-based employers," as they improve regional quality of life. Some \$1.4 billion is generated by arts-related activities around the state each year, according to the most recent study by Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs??. Hard economic times mean hard choices for legislators, but arts and cultural programs cannot simply be tossed aside as unnecessary. That's why citizens should contact elected representatives and make their voices heard.